MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
Soil and Water Conservation Program

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STAFF UPDATES

The program office has said good-bye to a familiar face. After eight, years Tammy Cody left the program for a position with the Natural Resources Conservation Service. We wish Tammy the best of luck in her future endeavors.

Jennifer Pellett has been selected to replace Tammy and Jennifer will now be working on nutrient loss reduction modeling for the program. Jennifer will continue to assist her current districts until we have refilled her coordinator position. Please congratulate Jennifer if you have the chance.

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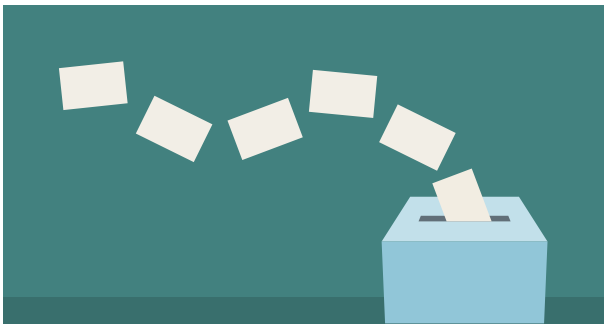

With the election period underway (Feb. 1-20), districts should continue to publicize and spread the word about elections while the voting period is open. The next steps for districts will be for election judges to count ballots (Feb. 22-28) and finally, district boards will certify the election at their March meeting.

RESOLUTION PROCESS

The resolution passed… so now what? Each November, the Missouri Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts hosts their annual training conference for soil and water district staff, board members and partner agencies. This conference includes the association's business meeting, during which districts have the opportunity to present resolutions for consideration. Resolutions are then voted on and if passed by the majority of the voting body, the resolutions are provided to the program office. The program then presents the resolutions to the Soil and Water Districts Commission, which provides guidance to the program about how to proceed. Typically, the commission suggests that resolutions be presented to either the District Operations and Program Delivery Committee or to the Cost-share Practices Committee. These committees consist of district staff, board members, partner agencies and program staff. After committee discussion, if the resolution in question needs commission approval, the program office takes their recommendation to a Soil and Water Districts Commission meeting for consideration. It is important to remember that not all resolutions result in policy change.

EDGE OF FIELD MONITORING PROJECT (PHOTO OF QR CODE)

The Edge of Field Water Quality Research Program, a farmer-driven collaboration conducted from 2017 through 2022, quantifies the effectiveness of on-farm practices, demonstrates the benefits of voluntary conservation efforts and supports water quality efforts aimed at meeting state soil and water stewardship goals. Read the results. (Credit to Missouri Soybeans)

LEARN MORE
Discover the extensive benefits of this cutting-edge research for Missouri growers. Scan the QR code to hear from them about how these practices are enhancing their soil health. For additional information or specific on-farm research data, contact Kurt Boeckmann at kboeckmann@mocorn.org
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SERVICE AWARDS

Each year at our training conference, nominations are accepted for outstanding service throughout the districts to recognize those individuals who are going above and beyond in serving their district. The categories for these awards include, Board Supervisors, District Specialist (Technician) and District Specialists (Administrator). Congratulations to the following individuals who were recognized:

Dee Glenn

Beverly Dometrich

Board Supervisor: Beverly Dometrich

District Specialist Technician: Andrew Moulder

District Specialist Administrator: Dee Glenn

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Supervisor Elections: Feb. 1-Feb. 20

Soil and Water Districts Commission Meeting: March 27

District Quarterly Update: TBD Early April